

COUNTRY Polish-occupied Germany

TOPIC Polish Troops at Goldap

EVALUATION

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. The former German Panzerjaeger Kaserne in Goldap (R 55/V 82), situated on the north side of the Goldap-Kosmoden (R 55/V 81) road, consisted of 3 multi-story barracks buildings and 3 low wooden barracks. The latter were allegedly constructed as recently as 1949. Other buildings were located in the rear of the installation. In November 1950, some of the windows were still boarded up. The installation was guarded, but not occupied by troops. (1)

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2. The former German Infanterie Kaserne was in the southern sector of Goldap on the west side of the road to Angerburg (R 55/V 40). It consisted of 4 four-story and 2 three-story barracks buildings, each about 30 meters long. In the spring of 1950, the buildings were furnished with billeting equipment such as cabinets, bedsteads, tables, etc., and some of the windows were glazed. In late May 1950, the installation was temporarily occupied by approximately 300 troops wearing khaki uniforms, red collar patches, and visor caps with a red band. They came from the direction of Treuburg (S 55/A 99). Four trucks were observed with the unit. In October 1950, another unit entered the installation on foot. Sentries of the unit wore visor caps with a red band. The soldiers were restricted to quarters. Up to November 1950, [redacted]

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[redacted] No arms other than rifles and submachine guns were seen. (2)

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3. The Alte Kaserne was about 50 meters south of the Infanterie Kaserne on the same side of the street. It consisted of 2 three-story barracks buildings, each about 30 meters long, and 2 small one-story buildings, and was unoccupied up to the spring of 1947, when about 50 German families moved in. A group of Polish officers and civilians, allegedly from Treuburg, inspected the installation in October 1949 and September 1950.

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4. The former revenue office was approximately 50 meters south of the Alte Kaserne on the same street. It was not damaged during the war and consisted of a main building, about 50 meters long with a three-story front section and two four-story wings, and two small buildings, each about 10 meters long. During May and July 1950, the revenue office was temporarily occupied by about 400 Polish troops, wearing khaki uniforms with red collar patches, who stayed there for three or four weeks. Approximately 150 more troops arrived in September 1950 and an additional 100 in October. The former were

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25 to 28-year-old Masurians who stated that many of them did not possess Polish citizenship. They were inducted in February 1950 and had to serve for two years. The men who arrived in October allegedly came from the Modlin (R 53/K 61) area and also wore red collar patches. About 75 percent of them had rifles, while the others were armed with submachine guns. Ten to 12 trucks and 3 or 4 small passenger cars were seen in the barracks yard. The troops were frequently observed traveling back and forth on trucks, each carrying 20 soldiers, between the installation and the drill ground where basic training took place. The training area extended from Angerburg road to the west as far as the dismantled railroad line east of Kosmeden. Officers coming from Treuburg inspected the unit during the beginning of October. In mid-October 1950, other units, allegedly companies from Treuburg, arrived on trucks and were stationed at the training area for some time. (3)

5. The UB (Security Police) office and the MO (Militia) office were located in the former NCO billets just east of the Panzerjaeger Kaserne. (b)

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Comments.

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(1) The information confirms a previous report 25X1

(2) [redacted] no troops in the Infanterie Kaserne up to the fall of 1950. [redacted] and the installation may have been vacant at the time. The present report indicates that the Infanterie Kaserne was occupied by two or three infantry companies, probably mainly composed of recruits and, therefore, restricted to quarters.

(3) Probably two motorized infantry companies which, according to their red collar patches, belonged to the Polish Army. Including the troops in the Infanterie Kaserne, the troops stationed at Goldap are estimated at one battalion.

(4) The information on the UB office agrees with a previous report 25X1

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